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Some Funny Nonfiction Books (+ = Potty Humor)

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Actual Size by Steve Jenkins

- + Behold the Beautiful Dung Beetle by Cheryl Bardoe
- + Eek, You Reek! Poems about Animals that Stink, Stank, Stunk by Heidi Stemple and Jane Yolan

El Deafo by Cece Bell

Even More Lesser Spotted Animals by Martin Brown

+ Everyone Poops by Taro Gomi

Everything Awesome about Dinosaurs and Other Prehistoric Beasts! by Mike Lowery

+ Fartiste by Kathleen Krull

Funny Bones: Posada and His Day of the Dead Calaveras by Duncan Tonatiuh

Gertrude is Gertrude by Johan Winter

Handel, Who Knew What He Liked by M.T. Anderson

Her Right Foot by Dave Eggers

How Rude! Real Bugs Who Won't Mind Their Manners by Heather Montgomery

How Are You Peeling?: Foods with Moods by Saxton Freymann and Joost Elffers

I Fly: The Buzz About Flies and How Awesome They Are by Bridget Heos

Independent Dames: What You Never Knew About the Women and Girls of the American Revolution by Laurie Halse Anderson

Just Behave, Pablo Picasso by Jonah Winter

Knucklehead: Tall Tales & Mostly True Stories about Growing Up Scieszka by Jon Scieszka

+ Laughing at My Nightmare by Shane Burcaw

Noah Webster's Fighting Words by Tracy Nelson Maurer

No Monkeys, No Chocolate by Melissa Stewart

+ Poop-Eaters: Dung Beetles in the Food Chain by Deidre Prischmann

Schoolyard Rhymes selected by Judy Sierra

Science Verse by Jon Sceiska

See How They Run: Campaign Dreams, Election Schemes, and the Race to the White House by Susan E. Goodman

+ Something Rotten: A Fresh Look at Roadkill by Heather L. Montgomery

The Beatles Were Fab (and They Were Funny) by Kathleen Krull & Paul Brewer

+ The Exploding Toilet: Modern Urban Legends collected and retold by David Holt and Bill Mooney

The Extraordinary Mark Twain (According to Susy) by Barbara Kerley

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+ The Gas We Pass: The Story of Farts by Shinta Cho

Those Rebels John & Tom by Barbara Kerley

+ Toilet: How It Works by David Macaulay

Tricky Vic: The Impossibly True Story of the Man Who Sold the Eiffel Tower by Greg Pizzoli What Do They Do with All That Poo? by Jane Kurtz

+ What If You Had Animal Teeth by Sandra Markle
What To Do About Alice? by Barbara Kerley
What You Never Knew About Fingers, Forks, and Chopsticks by Patricia Lauber
+ Why Dogs Eat Poop: Gross but True Things You Never Knew about Animals by Francesca
Gould and David Haviland

Yaks Yak: Animal Word Pairs by Linda Sue Park You Can't Ride a Bicycle to the Moon! By Harriet Ziefert You Never Heard of Casey Stengel?! by Jonah Winter

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The Horn Book

http://www.hbook.com/

International Reading Association

 $\underline{http://www.reading.org/resources/AwardsandGrants/childrens_ira.aspx}$

Junior Library Guild

https://www.juniorlibraryguild.com/

Kidlitosphere (compendium of bloggers writing about children's literature) http://kidlitosphere.org/bloggers/

Melissa Stewart's Celebrate Science Blog https://www.melissa-stewart.com/

National Council for Teachers of English https://ncte.org/awards/book-awards/

National Council for the Social Studies Notable Trade Books for Young People http://www.ncss.org/resources/notable

National Science Teaching Association STEM Book Awards https://static.nsta.org/pdfs/2019BestSTEMBooks.pdf

Orbis Pictus Award for Outstanding Nonfiction for Children http://www.ncte.org/awards/orbispictus

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